

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Natural Resource Commission
Regular Meeting
January 8, 2020**

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer;

Roll Call: Commissioner, Gerald V. Chingwa; Treasurer, Frederick Holdorph; and Commissioner, William R. Ortiz.

Absent: Chairman, John Keshick III; Vice-Chairman, Renee Dillard;

NRD Staff: Director, Douglas Craven; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis; Great Lakes Fishery Program Manager, Kevin Donner; Inland Fisheries Biologist, William Parsons; Environmental Services Manager, Caroline Moellering; Treaty Rights Enhancement Specialist, Daniel Hinmon; Great Lakes Policy Specialist, Carrie Coy; and Office Coordinator, Debra Smithkey-Browne

Absent: Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima Jr.;

Guest: John Schlappi, LTBB Tribal Fisherman; James Bransky, LTBB General Counsel;

Open Ceremony – None

Public Comment opened 6:04 p.m. Bubblers are too far below the surface; elk hunt was a success all tags were harvested;
Public Comment closed at 6:10 p.m.

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the agenda as amended; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Clay Wilton – Bear Presentation – Wildlife

6:45 p.m. Clay Wilton departs meeting.

NRC reviewed the minutes of October 23, 2019

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the minutes of October 23, 2019 as presented; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

NRC reviewed the minutes of November 13, 2019

Motion made by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner; to approve the minutes of November 13, 2019 as presented; supported by William Ortiz, Commissioner.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

NRC reviewed the minutes of December 11, 2019

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the minutes of December 11, 2019 as presented; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Natural Resource Department Director's Report – Douglas Craven, Director

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the Natural Resource Director Verbal Report as presented by Douglas Craven, Natural Resource Director; supported Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Inland Fish and Wildlife Managers Report – William Parsons, Inland Wildlife and Fish Biologist

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the Natural Resource Inland Fish and Wildlife Written and Verbal Report as presented by William Parsons, Inland Wildlife Biologist; supported Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Natural Resource Conservation Law Enforcement Report – Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the Conservation Verbal Report as presented by Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer; supported Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Natural Resource Great Lakes Fishery Report – Kevin Donner, Great lakes Fishery Biologist submitted written report

7:10 p.m. James Bransky, LTBB General Counsel arrived;

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the Natural Resource Great Lakes Fishery Written and Verbal Report as presented by

Kevin Donner, Great Lakes Fishery Biologist; supported Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Environmental Services Program Report – Caroline Moellering, Environmental Services Manager submitted written report

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the Environmental Services Program Written and Verbal Report as presented by Caroline Moellering, Environmental Services Manager; supported Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Treaty Rights Enhancement Specialist Report – Daniel Hinmon, Treaty Rights Enhancement Specialist

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the Natural Resource Treaty Rights Enhancement Specialist Written and Verbal Report as presented by Daniel Hinmon, Treaty Rights Enhancement Specialist; supported Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Commissioner's Report – Commissioners

Motion made by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner; to approve the Natural Resource Commissioner's Report Verbal Report as presented by Commissioners; supported William Ortiz, Commissioner.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the Natural Resource attendance at the Interest Based Net Marking meeting at the Ram Center on January 9-10, 2020 and receive per diem, mileage, stipend and lodging; supported by Frederick Holdorff, Treasurer.

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the Natural Resource attendance at the Motion to approve commissioner attendance for the 2020 Consent Decree Negotiation Meetings Scheduled January thru August, to be hosted by the Tribes and the State of MI throughout the state of MI, and receive lodging, per diem, mileage and stipends. (must include a list of meetings and who will be attending so rooms can be reserved for participants);

January 15 – 17, 2020 – GTB Resort – Traverse City, MI - (Rooms)

February 26-27, 2020 – MDNR – Lansing, MI – Raddison Hotel – (Rooms)

March 4-5, 2020 – SSM – Sault Ste. Marie, MI – Kewadin Casino – (Rooms)
March 25 – 26, 2020 – LTBB – Petoskey, MI – Odawa Hotel – (Room)
April 22-23, 2020 – GTB Resort – Traverse City, MI – (Rooms)
May 6-7, 2020 – SSM – Sault Ste. Marie, MI – Kewadin Casino – (Rooms)
June 3-4, 2020 – MDNR – Lansing, MI – Raddison Hotel – (Rooms)
June 23 – 25, - Bay Mills – Brimley, MI – Casino Resort – (Rooms)
July 29 – 30, 2020 – MDNR – Lansing, MI – Raddison Hotel – (Rooms)
August 3-7, 2020 – LTBB – Petoskey, MI – Odawa Hotel – (Room)
August 17 – 20, 2020 – Bay Mills – Brimley, MI – Casino Resort – (Rooms)

Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner Supports;

3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried

Motion made by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner; to approve the Natural Resource Commissioner attendance at the CORA meeting to be held January 23, 2020 in Petoskey, MI at Odawa Hotel; supported William Ortiz, Commissioner.

3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried

7:55 p.m. Break

8:15 p.m. Executive Session resumed

Discussion and review of the NRC 2020 Meeting schedule.

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to approve the 2020 Natural Resource Commission Meeting Schedule as amended; Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner, supports.

3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the Executive Council meeting to be held August 20, 2020 in Brimley, MI.

Break at 7:50 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to enter into Executive Session at 8:01 p.m.; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.

3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried

Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to close Executive Session at 9:18 p.m. and return to open session; supported by Frederick Holdorph, Treasurer.

3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried

Public Comment opened at 9:19 p.m. No public present.

Public Comment closed at 9:19 p.m.

**Motion made by William Ortiz, Commissioner; to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.; supported by Gerald Chingwa, Commissioner.
3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Keshick, Dillard) 0 Abstained 0 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Next scheduled meeting will be held on January 22, 2020

Approved:

Renee Dillard, Vice-Chairman

Date